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*Government Hospital (Dharmapuri)*

\* 112 Q.—SRI R. S. VEERAPPA CHETTIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal for the extension of the Government Hospital building at Dharmapuri?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: In view of the present National Emergency, the proposal has been deferred.

நாட்டில் தற்பொழுது ஏற்பட்டுள்ள அவசர நிலைமை காரணமாக இத்தக திட்டம் ஒத்திப் போடப்பட்டுள்ளது.

திரு. ரா. சு. வீரப்ப செட்டியார்: தர்மபுரி அரசாங்க ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் இட நெருக்கடி அதிகமாக இருப்பதால், இப்போது நாட்டில் நெருக்கடி நிலைமை இருந்தாலும்கூட, அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரிக் கான கட்டடத்தை ஆரம்பித்து முடிக்க அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் முன் வருவார்களா?

கனம் திருமதி ஜோதி வெங்கடாசலம்: கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் கேள்விக்கு யோசனை செய்துதான் முடியு சொல்ல வேண்டும்.

கனம் சபாநாயகர்: கேள்விகள் முடிவடைந்தன.

[Note.—An asterisk (\*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee met yesterday morning and has recommended that six days for general discussion on the Budget for the year 1963-64 from 2nd March to 8th March 1963, and 15 days for Voting on Demands for Grants for 1963-64 from 9th March to 28th March 1963, may be allotted.

Accordingly, under rule 153 (2) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I have allotted six days for general discussion and fifteen days for voting on Demands for Grants for 1963-64.

The Business Advisory Committee has also decided that Appropriation Bill, will be considered on 29th March 1963 and that official business including discussion on Education policy will be transacted on 1st and 2nd April 1963, and that non-official business be taken up on 30th March 1963.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE OUT-BREAK OF CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN THE CITY OF MADRAS.

திரு. இரா. நெடுஞ்செழியன்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, சென்னை நகரில் 'காலரா' கொள்ளை நோய் பரவியுள்ளதையும் அதைத் தடுக்க அரசினர் மேற்கொண்ட தீவிரத் துவாரண நடவடிக்கை

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கனம் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை நான் கனம் பொது சுகாதார அமைச்சரின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகின்றேன்.

**THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement:—

The City of Madras which was completely free from cholera infection during the past three years, reported sudden out-break of cholera in Kodambakkam division during the middle of October 1962. Subsequently a number of cases were reported in certain other parts in South Madras. But although this incidence was brought under control quickly, cases of cholera continued to be reported in North Madras particularly in Tondiarpet and other adjoining areas from 26—11—1962 and this trend persisted till the end of December 1962. Since the beginning of the current year, the situation has been brought well under control in North Madras.

2. On 2nd January 1963, cases of cholera were reported from Pudur area in Kodambakkam division. The population of this area is only about 8,000 and consists of those who migrated from Kanniappanagar and settled in about 20,000 huts constructed by the State Housing Board.

3. All preventive and control measures were promptly taken then and there to control the epidemic. The Health authorities of the City have instructed the Divisional Sanitary Inspectors to give necessary advice to the residents and to keep the surroundings perfectly clean. Inoculation in Pudur area was arranged late in the evenings as the people usually return to their residence only then. Dusk work is also being continued to protect those not yet inoculated.

4. Deflying squads have been posted to the areas to prevent breeding of flies, to eliminate all sources of breeding in all areas especially in infected area. Flies in all their life stages were aimed to be got rid of.

5. One hundred and fifty-three Health Inspectors/Sanitary Inspectors were deputed to Madras City from the mofussil areas by the Director of Public Health, Madras. They are still being continued for anti-cholera inoculation drive in the City particularly in slums, hutting grounds and pavement dwellings. The anti-cholera operations in Madras City have also been placed under the immediate and personal supervision of a Special Officer for cholera control work appointed by the Madras Corporation. Health Propaganda work also is being vigorously carried out. Out of the total population of 8,000 in Pudur, almost all the people have been inoculated. In addition to inoculation work and chlorination of water sources and disinfection of all infected areas, the sanitary inspectors of the Corporation have been instructed to seize unwholesome foods, especially fish, rotten foodstuffs, fruits, etc., that were exposed to dust and flies. All sources of drinking water-supplies



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such as wells in the affected areas were chlorinated and protected water supply was made available in mobile tanks in those areas. In addition to the augmentation of staff in the Infectious Diseases Hospitals, Thondiarpet, the Corporation have also augmented the divisional staff to cope up with the increased work.

6. House Surgeon internees were also lent for pushing the inoculation campaign in the divisions. Government have also lent the services of a vehicle to the Corporation of Madras to enable the Cholera Officer to inspect the infected areas promptly and enforce strict supervision over the large number of Public Health staff that have been drafted from various parts of the State with a view to eliminate cholera infection in the City. The number of attacks and deaths due to cholera in the City from 17th October 1962 upto 24th February 1963 are 1,002 and 68 respectively. The progressive total of inoculation done is 5,90,677.

7. Though the incidence of cholera has shown definite signs of decline from the first week of January 1963, yet sporadic cases still continue to be reported from here and there. Hence, the preventive measures have been continued and will be continued until the infection is completely wiped out.

SRI V. R. NEDUNCHEZHIAN rose—

MR. SPEAKER : No question can be asked on the statement of the Hon. Minister.

திரு. இரா. நெடுஞ்செழியன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்த 41-வது விதியின் கீழ் அறிக்கை சமர்ப்பிக்குமாறு நான் 10-1-63-ல் விண்ணப்பம் செய்து கொண்டேன். சென்ற சட்டமன்றத் தொடர் கூட்டத்தில் இதற்கு விளக்கம் வரும் என்று எதிர்பார்த்தேன். ஆனால் காலத் தாழ்வோடு 1½ மாதங்கள் கழித்து இது வருகிறது. இத்தகைய காலத் தாழ்வை கூடுமான வரையில் குறைத்து அவ்வப்போது இப்படி 41-வது விதியின் கீழ் வருகிற அறிக்கைகளுக்கு விளக்கம் தர வழி செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : இம்மாதிரி பல ஸ்டேட்மென்ட்கள் கோரப்படுகின்றன. ஒரு நாளைக்கு ஒன்றுக்குத்தான் விடை அளிக்கக் கூடும். இது தயாராகவில்லை என்றால் ஒன்று அல்லது இரண்டு நாட்கள் தாமதமாகும். அதற்குள் சட்டமன்றக் கூட்டம் முடிந்து விடுகிறது. ஆகவேதான் இப்படித் தாமதம் ஏற்படுகிறது. இதற்கு முன்பே சட்டமன்றக் கூட்டம் நடந்திருந்தால் இதற்கு முன்பே அதில் இந்த அறிக்கை சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

#### IV.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1963-64.

MR. SPEAKER : Now we shall take up general discussion on the Budget. Whips of the various Parties may give the names of hon. Members who wish to speak as early as possible and not give the names at the last moment and create trouble.